

1. Duroc, as has already been noted, was one of the earliest *aides de camp* and companions of Napoleon, and had accompanied him to Egypt, and indeed everywhere. He had been created Due de Frioul and Grand Marechal du Palais. *Marmont* (tome v. p. 109) says that a few moments before being hit Duroc showed a sort of despondency and disheartenment, and said to him, "My friend, the Emperor is insatiable for battles. We shall all fall, it is our destiny." The scene between Napoleon and him on his deathbed has been told differently. See *Marmont*, tome v. p. 110: *ivfymr*, tome vi. p. 115; and *Thiers*, tome xv. p. 584; and even *Ooifnet*, p. 352. Whatever may have been said to the contrary, there must have been some strong affection between them. See Napoleon's letter to Madame de Montesquiou, when, perhaps with a remembrance of a famous Roman epitaph, he said, "The death of the Due de Frioul has pained me, it is the only time in twenty years that he has not divined what would please me." (*JR mitxat*, tome ii. p. 245 note). See also Dumas, a fair representative of the general opinion of the army, not of the little-fattle of the Court. "The glorious death of thts Grand Marechal Duroc took from Napoleon his most trusty friend, whom he much liked; the man whose loyalty, noble independence, and enlightened counsels were so useful to him" (*Dumas*, tome in. p. 500). His Duchy was given to his daughter.